Telephone Calls between Bombay and New Bombay

1492. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from residents of New Bombay that calls between Bombay and New Bombay should be treated as local calls rather than STD calls;

(b) whether such representations have also been received from residents of Bhayander (Bombay);

(c) whether Government are considering these representations;

(d) whether New Bombay would be attached to MTNL Bombay to facilitate the above; and

(e) by when Government are likely to take a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The representations have been considered. The Telephone system serving the area of New Bombay Corporation is separate from the telephone system serving the Bombay Municipal Corporation and Thane Municipal Corporation areas. It has, therefor not been found possible to treat calls between these two telephone systems as local calls.

Losses to BPC Limited at their Butcher Island Tankage Project

1493. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited have lost over Rs. 2 crore in their Butcher Island Tankage project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against those found responsible for these losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Debureaucratising of Public Sector

1494. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the report which appeared in "The Times of India", New Delhi dated 13th April, 1989 regarding suggestions made about "Debureaucratising of Public Sector";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what action plan is contemplated by Govt. to debureaucratise the Public Sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government is keen to enhance the autonomy of central public sector enterprises consistent with their accountability. Government has accepted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as an instrument to improve its relationship with the public enterprises and effectively reduce bureaucratic interface in their day-to-day operations. To begin with, Government had signed MOU with 11 selected important public enterprises for the year 1988-89. The number will go up to 18 for the year 1989-90. Meanwhile